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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING.
ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED
UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Arthur Wiley was in town Sunday.

E. R. Files of Portland, was in town Tuesday.

A. F. Andrews of Norway, was in town, Thursday.

A souvenir of the Bethel House is soon to be issued.

Sheriff Wormell was in Mason last week on business.

E. E. Chapman of Gilead was a visitor in town Tuesday.

E. Good of Albany, has employment at Isaac Morrill's mill.

Clarence Hall and wife of Berlin, N. H. were in town, Sunday.

Miss Minnie Capen is quite ill from the effects of vaccination.

G. R. Wiley is having a hard wood floor laid in his drug store.

Chas. Tenney and wife of Gorham, N. H., were in town Sunday.

Jameson Finney of Norway, was in town to attend the Prize Speaking.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Hastings and daughter Edith, are visiting in Hanover.

Mrs. K. T. Bryant of Locke's Mills, was in town last week on a few days visit.

We call the attention of our readers to Smiley's ad. found in another column.

Mr. W. F. Lovejoy, the popular landlord of the Bethel House, is ill of pneumonia.

Miss Bertha Wiley after spending a few weeks in Portland, returned home Friday.

A corporation meeting will be held at the Corporation building next Monday evening.

Mrs. Vittella Davis who has been in Errol, N. H., the past week returned to Bethel, Sunday.

The chair factory shut down Monday forenoon to allow the employees to attend town meeting.

The ladies who furnished dinner at the town meeting, made about \$20 for the benefit of the public library.

The Literary Society will meet Thursday afternoon at half past two, at the home of Miss Ellen Douglass.

A drama is to be given at West Bethel next Saturday evening, the proceeds to be for the benefit of the church.

Milton Penley who has been confined to his house the greater part of the winter, is once more seen on the streets.

Hastings Bros. have nearly completed the renovation of their store, and "everything shines like a glass bottle."

Merle Holt of Berlin, N. H., a former student of Gould's Academy was in town Friday to attend the Prize Speaking.

L. F. Hutchinson, Leland Mills, Vibert R. Mills and George E. Sanderson of Mason, were in town to attend town meeting.

In the recent election of senior class parts at the University of Maine, Archer Grover was given the address to undergraduates.

Dr. Hayden, formerly of Bethel, but later of Hallowell, has accepted a position in Butler Hospital, Providence, R. I., and enters upon his duties at once.

Miss Florence E. Chipman and her violin pupils contemplate giving a recital the last of March. The date and further particulars will be announced later.

There will be a sociable this Wednesday evening, by the Epworth League, at the home of Miss Olive Wheeler. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Gould's Academy closed Friday for a vacation of two weeks. Mr. Hanscom went to his home. Monday morning; Mr. Pratt went home Saturday, and Miss Purington will spend the vacation in Boston. Mr. D. N. Spear went to Portland Friday afternoon.

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Prize Speaking.

"The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, without a thought of fame."—Longfellow.

Few subjects are of more interest to our townspeople than the education of our youth; seldom is a village found, where education has a higher standard, where a constant growth in education is made, than in our own town. With an excellent system of common schools, with Gould's Academy of more than local renown, with its corps of excellent teachers, and its best citizens interested in each new undertaking for the advancement of school interests, and the upbuilding of social life, Bethel may well be counted an ideal place to educate the youth of the county.

With such environments, none expected other than a full house to listen to the annual Prize Speaking which has become an established feature of Gould's Academy. Evidently some one had borne the fact in mind that "Success, in all departments of human efforts, is won by attention to little things," for each part of the decorations of the hall was arranged with such skill that all who entered were instantly pleased, as every fold of the draperies, showing the school and class colors, was arranged with such perfectness as to make the whole of charming effect. The stage presented a cozy, homelike appearance, just the place to prompt the young ladies and gentlemen to do their best.

In the selections for the evening, every one in the audience found what appealed to his or her fancy, for among them were found those full of pathos of narrative; incidents that went directly to the heart; those picturesque in character and manner; those pleasing because of their copiousness, grandeur and sublimity of imagery; and those of unanswerable cogency and closeness of reasoning. All these were given in a manner that deserve praise for all, withholding it from none.

The students of the Academy may feel that never was there such an opportunity to compete for the prizes as now. There never was so much room for the best as at the present. The improvement, over last year's effort was noticeable to all who attended both contests, and Miss Mayo and her pupils may feel that a great stride has been made, during the past year, in the elocutionary work of the Academy.

To attempt to describe the efforts of each, or to make comment is unnecessary. The young people were charming, and the judges must have had a difficult task to select the best, from which seemed all best; but the decision of the judges gave the first prize to Miss Minnie Mayberry Godwin, whose selection was "The Boat Race," and the second to Miss Beatrice Earle Kellier, whose crowning excellence was the simplicity and naturalness with which her recitation, "Mam' Tildy's Hymn," was given.

The decision in regard to the prizes for the young men was made with equally difficulty; they were awarded, first to Edwin La Forest Harvey, whose selection was "The Governor's Champion," and second to Merritt Brackett Gay who pleased all with "The Fight with the Aurochs." And so as there were only first and second prizes, the judges were obliged to suspend prize giving when these had been awarded, but it is the opinion of many, that there should have been a third prize for both ladies and gentlemen.

The students are educated to the idea that "No person can be truly successful who thinks of no one but himself," so, while the successful ones received congratulations, they, in turn, extended congratulations to their fellow students and classmates, all of whom had won much merited praise from the audience.

The judges were Prin. William Sargent of Hebron, Judge A. R. Evans of Gorham, N. H., and Supt. Alice Mason of Berlin, N. H. The decision of the judges was given to the audience by Mr. Sargent.

The Academy quartettes gave most pleasing selections during the evening and gracefully responded to hearty encores; piano solos and duets by Misses Billings and Purington were, as usual, pleasing to all.

Henry W. Longfellow's birthday was celebrated last Wednesday evening, by the Literary Society, at the home of Mrs. H. C. Andrews. A very interesting program was rendered, consisting of readings on the life of Longfellow, by Mrs. W. D. Hastings, solo entitled "The Bridge," by Mrs. C. O. Foster, recitations by Misses Helen Bisbee and Bessie Andrews, and solos by Mrs. J. W. Lewis and Mrs. Wilfred Bowler.

Federation of Clubs.

The Bethel Federation of Clubs met at the home of Mrs. G. R. Wiley, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23. This being the annual meeting of the Federation, its business interests were discussed earnestly and with a vigor that showed that women at least, want their clubs run upon a good thorough basis.

The president, Miss Annie Cross, reviewed the work of the past year, and gave many helpful suggestions for the outline of work for the present year. The work of each club was reported by its secretary, and one must have been impressed, indeed, not to have been impressed with the earnest efforts our ladies have made during the year. Each club has been a channel for financial aid to the society which it represents, but the ladies have done more, they have accomplished much in literary work also. The subjects studied during the year by the different clubs, have been varied, and show a wide range of thought. Current Events, Geography, History, Lectures, selections from the best literary productions and lectures, and a thorough study of our late war with Spain, its cause and results, with the problems which most interest the thinking people of the day, have all come in for their share of study and discussion.

The Columbian Club, which is not distinctively a parish club, has been studying art during this year, which has proved so interesting and fascinating that the members have done very faithful work, and hope to continue another year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. G. R. Wiley; Vice-president, Universalist, Mrs. L. Pratt; Vice-president, Congregational, Mrs. J. U. Purington; Vice-president, Methodist, Mrs. D. W. Hastings; Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Brown; Treasurer, Mrs. Gilbert Tuell.

An educational committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. O. M. Mason, Mrs. C. Bisbee, Mrs. Angella Clark, Mrs. Hopkins, and Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

The question of the benefit arising from federating clubs seems to have been answered in the real enjoyment that the members of our several clubs receive in meeting and listening to the reports of the work done by their neighbor clubs, and each one gets an inspiration and help by the interchange of thought. Business necessarily precluded the literary program which is looked forward to with so much pleasure at the usual meetings. A vote of thanks and appreciation was tendered the retiring president, who has been one of the chief promoters in making the Federation a success. This Federation of Clubs has the honor of being the first village club to join the State Federation. She may well be proud of the place she holds, and the year of '99 promises to add more to her justly earned honor, as the list of officers is guaranteed that earnest work will be accomplished. E. W. C.

Obituary.

At the home of her son, E. L. Arno, occurred the death of Mrs. Antoinette Arno, Feb. 21, 1899. Mrs. Arno was the daughter of Gardner W. Wight of Gilead. She was born Dec. 5, 1835. In 1853, she was married to Josiah F. Arno, of Monmouth, Me. The greater part of their married life was spent in Bethel, where Mr. Arno died May 16, 1891.

Besides E. L. Arno, who resides in this place, Mrs. Arno leaves another son, Charles, living in Gorham, N. H. Two brothers and three sisters also survive her. Mrs. Arno was a member of the M. E. church, and has always lived a consistent Christian life. Funeral services were held at the home, Thursday morning, Feb. 23. The remains were taken to Gorham for interment.

To those who have lost in Mrs. Arno, a kind and faithful sister and mother, much sympathy is extended in this time of their bereavement.

State News.

The house, ell, stable and carriage house of G. M. Atwood of Paris, editor of the Oxford Democrat, was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday night.

Hon. Hiram Hubbard a distinguished citizen and, the oldest inhabitant of Paris Hill, died at his home at that place, Monday evening, aged 87 years. Mr. Hubbard was respected and esteemed by all, an active and public spirited business man, and of much force of character. Funeral services Thursday, attended by Rev. C. A. Hayden of Augusta.

Love And Pet Me Now.

MRS. R. A. WINDER.
Take my withered hands in yours,
Children of my soul,
Mother's heart is craving love,
Mother's growing old,
See the snows of many years
Crown my furrowed brow,
As I've loved and petted you,
Love and pet me now.

Lay your hands upon my head,
Smooth my whitened hair,
I've been growing old the while
You've been growing fair,
I have thought and prayed for you,
Ask not why or how,
As I've loved and petted you,
Love and pet me now.

Take my withered hand in yours,
Children of my heart;
Mother's growing old, your love
Makes of life sweet part,
Touch with love, my faded cheek,
Kiss my anxious brow,
As I've loved and petted you,
Love and pet me now.

Take my withered hands in yours,
Hold them close and strong,
Cheer me with a fond caress,
'Twill not be for long.
Youth immortal soon will crown
With the wreath, my brow,
As I've loved and petted you,
Love and pet me now.

Take my withered hands in yours,
If you owe me anything,
Pay the debt with love.
Press me in your strong young arms,
Breathe a loving vow,
That as I loved and petted you,
You'll love and pet me now.

THROUGH A TELEGRAM.

"I'm going to put a stop to this sort of thing," said Mr. McElroy. "If I don't I shall certainly go to the poorhouse. I haven't saved money all these years to rain it down on people's heads, as if it were hailstones. No, Delinda, I haven't got five dollars to spare. Your winter bonnet is quite good enough to wear a month longer. Everybody else has got their spring suits. Well, if everybody else is fools, that ain't no reason that you should be. Six dollars for a subscription to help buy the new minister's furniture? Not if I know it, James! When I came to Bloodville, I bought my own furniture, and there's no reason that the new minister should not do the same thing. The grocer's book? I never saw anything like the way our housekeeping bills run up. It'd be a good deal cheaper, so far as I can see, to go to New York and board at the Winsor hotel than to live here, unless you and Sarah can manage a little more economically, Matthew. And as for those singing lessons that Lucy wants to take, you may tell her no."

"Lucy thought—" meekly began Matthew Starling.
But his uncle interrupted him curtly with:
"You may tell her no! and that ends the question."

John McElroy was a man who had, in the local dialect, "saved a lot of money." Being a great deal too economical to marry, he had invited his lame nephew, Matthew Starling, to come with his family and keep house in the old red homestead, and thereafter he took credit to himself for supporting all the Starlings, although Matthew toiled diligently at his trade of shoe-making, and James, the oldest son, managed the farm with skill and success, while Mrs. Starling and her two daughters, Lucy and Delinda, were the model of dry women and best managers of the vicinity.

In an evil hour, Matthew Starling had borrowed a thousand dollars of Uncle John, to pay off an old debt, that hung around his neck like a millstone.

He had kept up the interest pretty regularly, but it would have been about as easy for him to pay off the national debt as to discharge an obligation of a thousand dollars; and in this way Uncle McElroy contrived to keep him ground down into the very dust.

Had it not been for this thousand dollar debt, the Starling family would have crept out from under the harrow of Uncle John's tongue and temper long ago.

"It don't seem as if we could stand it," said Mrs. Starling plaintively.
"I don't care how much he scolds me," said Delinda, "but he has no business to tyrannize so dreadfully over poor mother."

"If I could only raise money enough to take a quarter's singing lessons, I could earn a hundred dollars a year in the church choir," said Lucy.

"If?" said James, laughing.
"That's a big word, Loo, for such a little one. If Uncle John would only let me plant a crop of tobacco up in the south field, I am sure I could raise twice as much money as the turnips will bring us. But Uncle John sticks to old traditions, and that little it stands in the way. I only wish that the farm was mine!"

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And when the book was flung wrathfully on the table and Mr. McElroy had dismissed his nephew's wife, he sat thinking.
"I'll do it!" he said aloud. "I've had it in my mind for some time. I'll send these Starlings about their business. I'll put an end to these everlasting impositions of theirs. They only care for me just the length of my purse. They hate me, every one of 'em. I can see through 'em, dull as they think me!"

As he sat there, a little lad came to the door, with a yellow envelope in his hand.
"A telegram for you," he said.
"Twenty-five cents, please."

Mechanically, Mr. McElroy paid the money, and he put on his round silver mounted spectacles, as the little lad sped away under the lilac bushes, which were just beginning to put on their fringe of purple plumes.

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It was very brief. It said:
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His head fell forward on his folded arms on the window-sill; he uttered a groan which seemed to come from the very depths of his heart.
"I am a poor man!" he faltered.

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The tears came into Mr. McElroy's dim blue eyes.
"You always did have a good heart, Sarah," said he; "but I wonder how you can have any patience left with me, after the times I've scolded you for a half a pound extra of coffee or nutmeg!"
"And I'm going to take in dress-making!" declared Delinda. "Oh, you'll see, Uncle John—you will live like a gentleman. You needn't think that we have lived on your generosity all these years, not to try to repay it now."

"I'll Generosity!" said Uncle John hardly certain whether the words were in serious earnest.
But no, there was no covert light of sarcasm in Delinda's bright, brown eyes as she bent caressingly over him. It was real love, real gratitude, that sparkled there.
"It's just as they all say," declared James, the stalwart young farmer. "We owe everything to you, Uncle John, and we don't forget it. And if you don't want tobacco crops raised on the place, I'm blessed if you shan't have your own way. Not a tobacco leaf shall be grown! But I really think we can do pretty well with a vineyard on the side hill, now that grapes are bringing such a profit. Instead of using it as a sheep pasture."

And Lucy brought him a letter. "It is from Mr. Grover, uncle,"

said she. "He offers to give us singing lessons for nothing, if I will help with the Sunday school music; and then, pretty soon, I shall be able to earn money for you, too. Dear uncle," with tears in her eyes, "we have all loved you, only we didn't dare to tell you how much. If—if you would only let me kiss you, Uncle John!"

The old man clasped her in his arms with tears streaming down his wrinkled cheeks.

"I don't care for the money," he faltered. "Let the money go if you will only love me like this. I never was happier in my life! I know now what that feeling is that has been freezing me all my life. It was my heart starving to death! Yes, yes, we'll begin the world all over again, children—you and I. We'll begin to enjoy ourselves at last."

They were sitting talking in the purple dusk of the summer evening, when there came a knock at the door. It was the little telegraph lad, breathless with haste.

"I've made a mistake," said he. "I've left the dispatch at the wrong place. It was for Mr. McElroy, at the hotel down the street. There wasn't no dispatch come for Mr. McElroy, at all. Please to give me back the envelope!"

The family all looked at each other as the boy rushed down the road with his freight of evil tidings for some one else.

"And all my money is safe!" said Mr. McElroy, with a long breath—"all safe! It seems like a miracle, don't it, or a lesson sent direct from the Lord to try us. Well, it won't be thrown away on me. Jim, here is ten dollars to subscribe to the furniture fund."

"It's too much, sir," said James. "No it ain't!" shouted Uncle McElroy. "Matthew!" fumbling in his pocket book, "here's your note to me for a thousand dollars. I make you a present of it."

He tore it in two as he spoke.
"Delinda shall have a new spring suit just as quick as she and the milliner can settle matters between them," he continued. "Lucy shall take singing lessons, and I'll buy an organ for her. And Sarah shall have a hired girl to lighten up the farm work a little. Hush, don't say a word, one of you. That money has come back to me, as if through a miracle, and I mean to enjoy it now."

The next day he went to the city, and took his money out of the hands of Raven & Co.

"Allow me to advise you not to disturb it," said the senior partner. "We were just about to put in some excellent mining stocks."

"Hang your mining stocks!" said Mr. McElroy. "Government securities are the articles for me. Or else good, straight bonds and mortgages at six per cent."

For Mr. McElroy had learned more lessons than one in the course of the last twenty-four hours.

—HELEN FORREST GRAVES.

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An Explanation.

Some of our good friends at North West Bethel, take exceptions to the statement which was made in the report of the Superintendent of Schools concerning the way that the money was raised in that district to procure the flag for their school. The Superintendent in some way gained the impression that an entertainment was given, as had been the case in several other districts, and so stated in his report. This, however, does not prove to be the fact in the case. But, on the contrary, the money for the flag was raised by private subscriptions, the teacher, pupils, parents and citizens of the place, all doing their part to secure the fine flag, of which they are now the possessors.

The people in those two districts take a decided interest in their school, and we are very glad that the good people of our town so willingly voted them a new school house when asked by the Superintendent to do so last Monday.

Town Meeting.

Monday, that day which comes but once a year, and which brings together the citizens from all parts of the town to participate in the doings of the annual town meeting was an ideal day indeed.

Early in the day, the multitude began to gather, and when the clerk called the meeting to order at 10 a. m., there were some 400 people present.

Judge Foster was elected moderator and served the town to the entire satisfaction. The Judge makes an excellent moderator.

The people manifested an unusual interest in the affairs of the town, and fully demonstrated the fact that their desire and intention is to have its business conducted strictly on business principles.

The meeting on the whole, was one of general harmony, the road commissioner question being the only one to create any marked excitement, and this resulted in the matter of repair of highways being left in the hands of the Selectmen.

It was conceded that the various town officers had given general satisfaction, and they were re-elected with one or two exceptions, and that without opposition.

They are as follows:
Moderator, Enoch Foster.
Clerk, L. T. Barker.
Selectmen, S. B. Twitchell, C. E. Barker, F. J. Russell.
Treasurer, W. W. Hastings.
Collector, H. H. Bean.
Supt. of Schools, E. C. Bowler.
School Board, Z. W. Bartlett.
Auditor, C. B. Bibeau.
Town Agent, A. E. Herrick.

Upon recommendation of the School Committee the town voted to build a new school house at North West Bethel, and to move the house in the Mason district to Middle Intervale and repair the same.

The following appropriations were made:
For schools, \$2000
For building and repairing school houses, 800
For text books, 200
Repairing roads and bridges, 2500
Support of poor, 1400
Town officers, 1000
Miscellaneous expenses, 1500
Town debt, 2500

TOWN ELECTIONS.

Hanover.

Moderator, W. S. Howe.
Clerk, A. G. Howe.
Selectmen, G. A. Virgin, A. G. Howe, C. P. Bartlett.
Collector, E. P. Smith.
Treasurer, O. P. Russell.
School Board, May Roberts.
Superintendent of Schools, H. E. Dyer.

Mason.

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Grand Closing Concert, Odeon Hall, Monday Evening, March 13.

Mr. J. W. Lewis and his chorus, will give the grand closing concert next Monday evening. They will be assisted by Prof. W. S. Wight, bass soloist; Miss Maud Mayo, elocutionist; Miss Ruth King, piano soloist; Miss Laura Hall, solo accompanist; Miss Jane Gibson, vocal soloist; Mrs. F. L. Edwards, contralto; Miss Nellie Frost, vocal soloist; Miss Addie Gordan, chorus accompanist; J. R. Lewis, violin soloist, and others. The soloists all sing in the choruses.



PROGRAM.

Orchestra, Upright the Salt, Leslie Giff.
Male quartet, Sleep on Thy Pillow, Jacobs.
Trio, The Tide of Life, Jacobs.
Miss Jane Gibson, Miss Nellie Frost and Mrs. F. L. Edwards.
Bass solo, Unconquered, Edward St. Quentin.
W. S. Wight.
Chorus, Merrily Glides our Boat, George Harding, selected.
Miss Maud Mayo.
Orchestra, Freedom's Flag, Leslie Giff.
With duet by W. S. Wight and J. W. Lewis.
Violin solo, Angel Serenade, Braga, (Transcription by Politzer).
J. R. Lewis, Miss Ruth King, accompanist.
Duet, I've Begged, White.
Prof. Wight and Mr. Lewis.
Fargo.
Piano solo, selected.
Miss Ruth King.
Solo, selected.
Miss Jane Gibson.
Chorus, Song of the Jungles, Leslie Giff.
Duet, The Upper Ten and Lower Five, Jacobs.
Solo, selected.
Miss Nellie Frost.
Reading, selected.
Miss Maud Mayo.
Orchestra.
Chorus, Beautiful Streamlet, Pearce.
America, Chorus and Audience.
General admission, 25 cents.
Reserved seats, 35 cents.
Children under 14, 15 cents.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. S. N. Buck of Sumner is in town to-day.

Mrs. O. M. Mason is visiting her son at Woodford.

Dr. Berto Bryant of Bangor, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Chester Wheeler of Auburn, is in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. McAllister of Lovell, visited in town last week.

Miss Mollie Chapman is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Bennett for the week.

Mr. Albert Bartlett of South Framingham, was in town last Monday.

Chester Wheeler of Auburn, is spending a few days in town visiting his folks.

B. C. Burbank and wife of Shelburne, drove to Bethel and home again, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bean visited Mrs. Bean's father, A. N. Stowe at Sunday River, last Sunday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. L. W. True, at the home of Mrs. Gehring, Thursday afternoon.

F. L. Edwards has just received another carload of Arrostook shingles, and invites anyone in need of first-class shingles to examine them.

Mr. A. M. Edwards is in town the guest of his father, Col. Clark S. Edwards. He recently accepted a position with Ginn & Co., of Boston, and moves his family to Syracuse, N. Y., the last of this week.

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of, and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not returned.—JOSEPH EDGAR, German-town, Cal. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and W. H. Crockett, Locke's Mills.

Your friends may smile
But that tired feeling
Means danger. It
Indicates impoverished
And impure blood.
This condition may
Lead to serious illness.
It should be promptly
Overcome by taking
Hood's Sarsaparilla
Which purifies and
Enriches the blood,
Strengthens the nerves,
Tones the stomach,
Creates an appetite,
And builds up
Energizes and vitalizes
The whole system.
Be sure to get
Only Hood's.

LINES

Suggested by the death of Miss Abbie Grover, of this place.
An angel walked among us
And we knew it not.
Because we saw no angel pinion,
And only with this earthly form,
Beheld the same familiar form
Through summer's heat and winter's storm.
On loving deeds intent,
Alas! we knew it not.
But she her entrance through the lofty portal,
Leaving the gate ajar,
The light of heaven, and not our natural vision,
Reveals the end of her earthly mission,
Where toil and patience find a recompense,
And rest and joy in a diviner sense
Than our poor souls can know,
Await that loving heart.
We miss the gentle ministrations,
Which marked her life below:
And sadness lingers o'er the home bereft
Where sorrowing hearts in loneliness are left
To trace the imprint of her footsteps here,
Through narrow pathways to the upper sphere,
Where God and angels dwell,
And earthly trials cease.

F. F.

AN OLD MASSACHUSETTS HOME-STEAD.

The delightful "Reminiscences," referring to the homes on the Maine sea-coast, printed recently in this paper, bring to my mind memories of the old homestead of my great-grandmother in Massachusetts. Now that houses are built and furnished so differently, it may be interesting to compare a home of a century or a century and a half ago, with those of to-day.

There were two large parlors, light and sunny, with window seats. Between these two rooms, ran a wide hall, with the front door opening upon the street, and another opposite it, opening into the yard. A wide stairway in the centre of the hall, led to the landing on the second floor, where was what was called "The Blue Room." This landing extended quite a distance, and at its end, stood a brass clock with the changes of the moon at the top of its dial. I can remember the reverence and almost awe with which I, when a little child, mounted the broad stairs, and gazed at the tall clock. Under the stairs was a store-closet. In colors were kept the jellies and dainties of the house, safe from the intruding children of the family.

From the front hall, a door opened into a room used as the dining-room. The sideboard of some dark wood inlaid with pearl, stood at one end of the room, and not far from it, a china closet, which contained the china used for the table. A small table, which now would be almost priceless, had its place near the hall door. Its legs represented the claws of a bird grasping a ball, and the leather covered dining-room chairs were made after the same pattern. Over the little table hung a mirror. There was a high fireplace in the kitchen, which adjoined the dining-room. Beside this fireplace stood what used to be called a "settle," a long seat with a high back, which projected its occupant from the draughts of the door behind them, thus saving them from no one knows how many attacks of what corresponded to our nineteenth century "grippe."

The stable, built at the end of the large yard, was joined to the house by a porch. Over this porch, was a chamber called the porch-chamber, where there used to be a loom and spinning wheels, and here the daughters of the family spun and wove their wedding trousseaus.

The second floor was comprised of sleeping rooms. There were two large chambers over the two square rooms below, with four windows, commanding a fine view of the surrounding fields and orchards. These rooms, when I saw them, contained furniture which belonged to my great-grand-aunt. The guestroom was furnished in white and gold, the chamber-set being painted white with gilt grape leaves and grapes traced upon it. The bed was one of the old-fashioned kind with high posts connected by a white and gold moulding from which hung curtains. The other room was furnished in dark wood, and the hangings of the bed were of dark red material.

The original owner of the homestead, my great-grandfather, was an educated "gentleman of the old school," and always dressed in short clothes, knee buckles and shoes, and ruffled shirts. He was of French descent, his ancestors being Huguenots, who had fled from persecution to America, while his wife was the adopted daughter of a minister named Conant, a direct descendant of the family of that name, who came over in the Mayflower. Their daughter married a Revere, the son of Col. Paul Revere, whose "Midnight Ride" has been recited by the Bethel boys and girls, whom I have met so often in my walks through this lovely village. By this marriage, the old homestead has passed into the hands of the Revere family, and is still occupied by them. The house has been remodelled to suit modern requirements, still some of the rooms retain the same shape and furnishings, which they had one hundred years ago.

CAROLYN HARRINGTON.

To be entirely relieved of the aches and pains of rheumatism means great deal, and Hood's Sarsaparilla does it.

Our Young Readers.

Baby Ruth.
Little maid, with modest grace
Beaming from thy baby face,
By no art or sin defiled,
Sweet, we name thee but a child.
Child, that name of love the token,
By the blessed One once spoken,
With divine sincerity,
"Suffer such to come to me."
Dadling, at thy tender birth,
Waked the sweetest songs of earth;
Gentle zephyrs tuned the breeze
With celestial harmonies.
Pensive joy or childish glee,
Still thou art the same to me.
In thine eye no smile to see,
Then, my sweet, I weep for thee.
All my heart, my little maid,
At thy dainty feet is laid.
Dimpled cheek and waving curl,
Well I love thee, baby girl.

O. F. ALLEN.

Patriotic Mittens.

During the Civil War, the martial feeling of the time excited American children as well as American men. But in a country home in the State of Maine lived a little boy who neither owed his interest in the great conflict to the example of a soldier father, nor showed it in military play. The boy was not yet ten years of age; old enough to thrill at the beat of drums and the marshalling of departing troops, but not old enough to fully understand the meaning of all the commotion.

His father was ineligible for service. His mother was not strong, but she had the heart of a patriot, and she was devoted to the cause of freedom. Love of country was to her, next to the love of God. Her loyalty to its flag was as true as her faith in the Bible.

Through all those troubled years, this woman was constant and unwearied in her efforts to help the Union cause. She picked lint, and her boy helped her, wondering. She made jellies, and her boy stirred the kettle, while she answered childish questions about the terrible times. She talked to him daily about the honor of the old flag, and told him that every one in those days must show his colors.

"What is 'showing colors,' mother?" he asked, much awed by her manner.
"I will show you, my son," she said.

Thereupon she began to knit a pair of white mittens, and upon the back of each one she fashioned the Stars and Stripes, knitting them in as she went along, so they were a part of the wool of the mittens.

Standing by her side the boy watched the shining needles. She gave him the history of the flag as she threaded the red, white, and blue into her work. She told him how many and how great had been the sacrifices in its defence on land and sea; and as the lad looked and listened, he felt as if he were standing on holy ground.

"There," she said gravely, when the mittens were done, "when you wear these you will show your colors. You must always show them."
So the little boy wore the patriotic mittens; for the first time to church, and after that to school and play. He was proud of them, and he never forgot the pictured lesson. Enthusiasm for freedom and country, fidelity to truth and duty, love of honor and light, had all been knit into his young life by his good mother's teachings, as her needles had knit the flags into his mittens.

Years after the war was over—and the little worn-out pair of mittens had been laid away—the faithful mother died; but the boy had become a man.

The time came, as it happens to every man of affairs with the temptations of the world around him, when it seemed more profitable to be shrewd and unscrupulous than to be strictly upright. In his office hung a strange little picture. There, mounted in a neat frame, behind protecting glass, were the identical mittens his mother had knit for him so long ago; the very pair, with the Stars and Stripes on their backs, that he had worn in the old days when she told him he must show his colors.

In the man's heart, the boy's reverence for all that was true and noble came uppermost, when he looked on his early lesson. He was ashamed to do a questionable thing. The little frayed mittens wrought by the fingers of a dead mother, were a monitor to him.
—Youth's Companion.

Comundrums.

1. Why is a man who has nothing to boast of but his ancestors, like a potato?
2. Why is an active waiter like a race horse?
3. What burns to keep a secret?
4. Why is the letter "k" like flour?
5. Why are clergyman like cobblers?

Does Not Trouble Her.

"I was troubled with rheumatism, weakness of the heart and stomach, and had scrofula bunches on my neck. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and now the scrofula is disappearing, my heart and stomach troubles are relieved, rheumatism does not trouble me." Mrs. E. P. Wallis, Wrentham, N. H.
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TOWN MEETING

usually comes once a year, and if you own a good watch it should be cleaned about once a year in order to keep it in good condition. Would you let a carriage run a year without oil, and would it be in good condition at the end of that time? How much more, then, does such a delicate machine as a watch, need oiling. Call and let me clean and oil your watch. Good work at a fair price.

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Jeweler and Optician.

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When Dewey Told the German Admiral He Could Have a Fight.
Our courteous and courteous commodore means no sign. He was waiting, until he could put an end to the whole annoyance with one crushing blow. At last the opportunity came. He learned on unquestionable authority that one of the German vessels had landed provisions in Manila, thereby violating neutrality. I was not present when he sent his message to Admiral von Diederich, and therefore I do not speak from personal knowledge concerning it, but I learned the facts from a perfectly authentic source as follows:
"Orderly, tell Mr. Brumby I would like to see him," said Admiral Dewey one forenoon.
"Oh, Brumby," he continued when the flag lieutenant made his appearance on the quarter deck, "I wish you to take the barge and go over to the German flagship! Give Admiral von Diederich my compliments and say that I wish to call his attention to the fact that the vessels of his squadron have shown an extraordinary disregard of the usual courtesies of naval intercourse, and that finally one of them has committed a gross breach of neutrality in landing provisions in Manila, a port which I am blockading."
The commodore's voice had been as low and as sweetly modulated as if he had been sending Von Diederich an invitation to dinner. When he stopped speaking, Brumby, who did not need any better indication of the commodore's mood than the unusually formal and gentle manner of his chief, turned to go, making the usual official salute and replying with the customary, "Aye, sir."
And, Brumby," continued the commodore, his voice rising and ringing with the intensity of feeling that he felt he had repressed about long enough, "tell Admiral von Diederich that if he wants a fight he can have it right now!"
Brumby went with his message and the commodore paced the quarter deck in silence for a considerable time, evidently working off some of the high pressure that had brought forth his emphatic message to the German admiral. The latter sent back the extraordinary reply that he had not known anything about these actions of his chief, and that they would not be repeated. Wherefore considers the rigidity of discipline that is supposed to exist in the German navy, the character of Admiral von Diederich's apology is all the more incomprehensible.—"With Dewey at Manila," by Joseph L. Stickney, in Harper's Magazine for February.

March and the Lion

Something Better than the Old Saw.
The saying about the lion and the lamb in March often proves false, but there is another and a better one which is literally true. When March comes in and finds you taking Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify, enrich and vitalize the blood you may expect when it goes out, that it will leave you free from that tired feeling and with none of the boils, pimples and eruptions which manifest themselves because of impure blood in the spring. If you have not already begun taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for your spring medicine, we advise you to begin to-day. We assure you it will make you feel better all through the coming summer.

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More clothing value for the money than you are able to get outside of this store. More value means better quality, style, workmanship, fit and finish. I buy for cash and sell for cash—that's the way you get more value.

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Men's Suits.
Were \$10.....now, \$7 50
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" 5.....now, 3 95
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Were \$5.....now, \$3 95
" 4.....now, 3 10
" 2.....now, 2 40
Men's Winter Shirts.
\$1 Shirts.....80c
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\$2 Boots.....\$1 75
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Men's Overcoats and Ulsters at \$7.39.
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PROBATE

To all persons inter
Estates named:
At a Probate Court
for the County of ON
day of February in th
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following matters: Th
for the settlement of
ed, it is hereby order
That notice be given
Interested, by causin
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Bethel News a newsp
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Probate Court to be
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of, if they see cause
ENOCH W. WOOL
ceased; will and c
last thereof, present
and Wesley K. Wood

ISAAC O. HEATH
petition for the app
his administrator, th
Farwell, a creditor.
SEWARD S. STEAD
A true copy—attest
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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

TRAINS FROM ISLAND POND TO PORTLAND RUN AS FOLLOWS:

	A.M.	P.M.
Island Pond,	8.40	6.00
Gorham,	8.52	6.12
Gilead,	9.04	6.24
West Bethel,	9.16	6.36
Bethel,	9.28	6.48
Locke's Mills,	9.40	6.60
Bryant Pond,	9.52	6.72
South Paris,	10.04	6.84
Portland,	10.16	6.96

TRAINS FROM PORTLAND TO ISLAND POND RUN AS FOLLOWS:

	A.M.	P.M.
Portland,	8.10	6.00
South Paris,	8.22	6.12
Bryant Pond,	8.34	6.24
Locke's Mills,	8.46	6.36
Bethel,	8.58	6.48
West Bethel,	9.10	6.60
Gilead,	9.22	6.72
Gorham,	9.34	6.84
Island Pond,	9.46	6.96

Sunday paper train leaves Portland going west at 8.30 a. m., South Paris 10.10, Bryant Pond 10.51, Locke's Mills 10.36, Bethel 11.10, West Bethel 10.20, Gilead 11.24, Gorham 12.00, arriving in Berlin 12.25.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in the
Estate of:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and
for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday
of February, in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

The following matter having been presented
for the said court to be heard thereon, and
it is hereby ordered:

That notice be given to all persons
interested, by causing a copy of this order to be
published three weeks successively in the
Bethel News, a newspaper published at Bethel,
in said County, that they may appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third
Tuesday of March, A. D. 1836, at 10 o'clock
of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard there-
of, if they see cause.

ENOCH W. WOODBURY, late of Bethel, deceased;
petition for the appointment of Enoch W. Wood-
bury as administrator, presented by Robert E. L.
Farwell, a creditor.

SEWARD S. STEARNS, Judge of said Court,
A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

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Commenced business in 1871.
JAS. NICHOLES, President.
E. G. RICHARDS, Vice Pres. & Secretary.
Capital paid up in cash, \$1,000,000.

ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1898.
Real estate owned by the company, un-
encumbered, \$90,000.00
Loans on bond and mortgage first
lien, \$2,833,333.00
Stocks and bonds, owned by the
company, market value, \$2,833,333.00
Cash in company's principal office
and in bank, \$200,000.00
Interest due and accrued, \$42,000.00
Premiums in due course of col-
lection, \$23,000.00

Aggregate of all the admitted
assets of the company at their
actual value, \$4,642,666.00
LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1898.
Net amount of unpaid losses and
claims, \$92,341.29
Amount required to satisfy re-
insuring all outstanding risks, \$1,702,410.29
All other demands against the com-
pany, viz: commissions, etc., \$17,850.58

Total amount of liabilities, except
capital stock and surplus, \$1,812,602.16
Capital actually paid up in cash, \$1,000,000.00
Surplus beyond capital, \$812,602.16

Aggregate amount of liabilities
including surplus, \$2,625,204.32
W. J. Wheeler & Co., Agents.
29-41
South Paris, Maine.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she
has been duly appointed administratrix of the
estate of

VOLNEY S. DAVIS, late of Bethel,
in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given
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Vivian M. Davis.
February 21st, 1899.

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COUNTY NEWS.

OTHER COUNTY NEWS ON PAGE FOUR.

WEST BETHEL.
"Winter is old, Winter is gray,
Soon will his reign be over;
Then will laughing, blue-eyed May
Sprinkle the meadow with clover."
Spring draweth near.

Roy Brackett is working in a
mill in Mexico.

M. Holt has recently received a
lot of nice oranges and lemons.

The time for holding the Sunday
school has been changed from 11.30
to 11 o'clock.

G. D. Morrill sent a carload of
dry wood to Berlin, N. H., Satur-
day.

L. D. Grover is having lumber
saved to finish the addition to his
house.

Hezekiah G. Mason of Mason,
has been spending a few weeks
with his sister, Mrs. E. G. Wheeler.

Charles F. Reed of Hartford, was
in town last week, selling his medi-
cal preparations and extracts.

There will be a drama called,
"The School Ma'am," in A. S.
Bean's hall, Saturday evening,
March 11, for the benefit of the church.

Eugene A. Briggs came home
from South Paris Sunday forenoon,
and went back Monday. He is
working for the Paris Manufac-
turing Company.

A. S. Bean has purchased the old
meeting-house near the railway
station, and has workmen now en-
gaged in changing it into a dwell-
ing house for the use of those in
his employ.

We are requested to state that
the Ladies' Chapel Aid Society has
succeeded in paying all the indebt-
edness on the new church, which
shows what perseverance and wom-
an's will can accomplish.

GROVER HILL.
"Oh, choir of spring, why come so soon?
On leafless grove and herbless lawn.
Warm is the yellow beams of noon,
Yet winter is not gone."
Bryant.

Frank Ordway of Gilead, was in
town recently.

S. A. Lyons is teaming for him-
self at present.

Mr. John Peaslee recently had
quite an ill turn.

O. H. Pingree was in this section
one day last week.

Grover Bros. have finished cut-
ting stave timber.

Mrs. D. H. Peaslee, who has been
sick, is convalescent.

N. A. Stearns and family are all
sick with bad colds.

Erva M. Bartlett visited her sis-
ter, Mrs. Grace Tyler, Monday.

Mrs. A. V. Walker is staying at
her son's, Alonzo Haynes, for a
few days.

Bion F. Brown is at work on
Pleasant River, landing, for Leigh-
ton Bros.

A. J. Peaslee has finished "draw-
ing wood and timber to market for
this season.

Miss Marian Bennett is at home
from Norway, where she has been
employed for a few weeks past.

Nathan A. Stearns recently re-
ceived a neat business card from
the law office of Foster & Hersey,
No. 114 1-2 Exchange St., Portland,
Maine.

Mr. Loudon, who boards at Mrs.
Dolly Tyler's, sells fresh fish, oys-
ters, etc., through this section once
a week.

No-TO-BAC for Fifty Cents.
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak
men strong, blood pure. 25c, 50c. All drugists.

GRAFTON.
We are glad to see the sun shin-
ing again after the storm.

Mr. H. M. Lombard expects to
finish logging this week.

Lillian Brown of the Maine Gen-
eral Hospital, Portland, is at home
on a vacation.

Peddler Poole has been in town,
buying furs, he stayed over Sun-
day at A. F. Brooks's.

Mr. A. F. Brooks went to Wilson's
Mills, last week. Mrs. Brooks ac-
companied him as far as Errol.

Miss Blanche Pratt, who has been
working at Errol, N. H., this
winter, has been home on a short
visit.

Fred Bailey, who has been work-
ing for A. F. Brooks, this winter, is
visiting his parents at Newry Cor-
ner.

A party from this place attended
the lyceum at North Newry, last
Saturday night. A good time was
reported.

Kenneth, the little son of Mr.
and Mrs. C. W. McInnis, who has
been dangerously ill, is some better
at this writing.

SUNDAY RIVER.
Will Powers is visiting in Ber-
lin, N. H.

Jotham Chapman has been paint-
ing at C. D. Atherton's.

Andrew Jackson is hauling tim-
ber for Linn Bartlett.

Will Williamson of Conway,
N. H., arrived in this place, last
Friday.

W. H. Powers and Julian Stowe
are hauling stave timber for J. A.
Thurston.

EAST BETHEL.

Miss Blanche Bartlett is work-
ing for Mrs. J. H. Estes at Rum-
ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. McAllister of
Lovell, visited at Porter Farwell's,
last week.

Miss Hester Kimball is home
from Gould's Academy for a short
vacation.

Mrs. S. E. Rich of Berlin, N. H.,
has been visiting relatives here,
for the past two weeks.

Mr. Albert Bartlett of So. Fram-
ingham, Mass., is spending a short
vacation at his home in this place.

J. M. Bartlett is confined to the
house with a very badly bruised
leg, caused by a fall in the barn.

Mr. Ordway has moved his fam-
ily into Mr. D. W. Cole's house, re-
cently purchased of Mrs. Z. C. Per-
ry.

The Young White Club was very
pleasantly entertained by Mr. and
Mrs. I. I. Young, last Wednesday
evening. Five tables were filled
and the game was enjoyed until
ten o'clock, when refreshments of
coffee and cake were served. Mr.
C. M. Kimball and Mrs. Z. W.
Bartlett won the first prizes; and
Rosa R. Kimball and George Swan,
the "bobby" prizes.

ALBANY.
Miss Evelyn Wilbur is at home
from Norway, for a short time.

M. R. Wilbur has sold the mail
route, also his team, to his brother,
Archie. We learn he intends fol-
lowing the carpenter trade the
coming summer.

The circle at the vestry, last
Thursday evening, was entertained
by the gentlemen in a very accept-
able manner. A large crowd and
a fine time is reported.

The drama, "Among the Break-
ers" was played at the Town House
March 3, to a large and appreci-
ative audience. We understood
that it was a decided success, es-
pecially financially.

HASTINGS.
B. W. Rice was in Bethel, Mon-
day.

Mrs. Sargent visited in Berlin,
recently.

Dr. Williamson of Gorham was
in town recently.

Rose Griffin was up from Wild
River, this week.

Arthur Cobb is postmaster, and
F. B. Coffin, assistant.

Johnnie Garland has gone to
Brookton, to visit his father.

Mrs. Willis Kimball and baby,
visited in Gilead over Sunday.

Mrs. Johnson, who has been in
Berlin the past week, has returned.

Burnham Rice and family occupy
the rent recently vacated by Arthur
Cobb.

Jennie, daughter of Joseph Lary,
who has been sick a long time of
consumption, died last Saturday
night, age about 20 years.

SOUTH PARIS.
The vaccinating goes merrily on.
The High school will begin Mon-
day.

Miss Grace Murphy visited rela-
tives at Locke Mills, last week.

The building which is to contain
the two new boilers at the sled fac-
tory, is being put up rapidly.

The Ladies' Relief Corps served
dinner in G. A. R. hall, town meet-
ing day, for the convenience of out
of town voters.

Last Wednesday, while running
a cutting-off saw, in the saw mill
of the Paris Mill Co., Mr. Lyman
Merrill cut a deep gash in his left
arm. The bone was only grazed,
but as the cut was made nearly
the length of his arm, it took six-
teen stitches to close the wound.

The saw is a peculiar one, for in-
stead of pushing the table against
it, as is generally the plan of saws
of this class, the operator steps up
on a treadle that throws the saw
against the work, after which it
springs back again. This spring
failed to work, and after cutting a
stick Mr. Merrill turned around to
pick up another, bringing his left
arm in contact with the saw which
he supposed had returned to its
place.

A large crowd attended the en-
tertainment and socials, at the
Grange hall, last Wednesday even-
ing, given by the Paris Grange.
The well arranged program was
carried out, bringing forth great
applause from the crowded house.

Among the numbers which pleas-
ed most, were a recitation by
Prof. Starbird; a violin duet by
Messrs. Ripley and Murphy, and a
song entitled, "The Grange Socie-
ties" which was well rendered by a
member of the lodge. The West
Paris Dramatic Club presented the
drama entitled, "Breaking His
Bonds," in such a manner as to re-
flect great credit upon themselves.

Refreshments of ice cream and
cake were served, followed by
games and marches. The man-
agement wishes to announce that
a masquerade social will be given
next Wednesday evening, with-
out any literary entertainment.

HANOVER.
Ripans Tablets at drugists.

M. F. Swain has finished his log-
ging job, and moved from the
woods.

D. S. Hastings and wife with
their daughter, Ethel, are visiting
in town.

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To quit tobacco easily and forever, be-
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men strong. All drugists, 50c or 8c. Cure guaran-
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NEWRY CORNER.

"March, March, you're a blustering
fellow.
But you don't mean anything bad, we
know."
To-day your sun shines warm and yel-
low,
To-morrow your winds will blow, and
blow,
And down from a ragged, gray little
cloud,
Will sit down a feathery flurry of
snow."
Mr. Thurston's mill is stopped
for repairs.

The town of Newry contemplates
buying a farm as the home for its
poor.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Powers of
Rumford Falls, are visiting at E.
R. Lane's.

Mrs. Rufus Skillings of West
Bethel is spending a week with
Mrs. Hervy Hastings.

Mr. Henry Hastings has bought
some choice thorough-bred fowl,
called Giant Brahmas.

Mrs. E. R. Lane, although serious-
ly ill, has been more comfortable
for the past three or four days.

Miss Bessie Searle has finished
her winter school. Owing to illness
among the pupils, the term was
shortened two weeks.

There is a third boarder at the
Bethel town farm, Miss Mary
Cummings of Gonic, N. H., is visit-
ing her parents on the farm.

Mrs. Bisbee has sold about five
hundred pairs of stockings and
mittens the present winter. Mr.
Bisbee has a steadily increasing
business.

We read of enterprising women,
we know of a woman who milks
five cows, cares for horses, sheep,
cattle, poultry, and the family at
home, while the father of the
family works in the woods the en-
tire winter.

LOVELL.
School closed last week.

Mrs. Addie Brown is quite sick
with grip.

Linwood Harmon is at home
from Portland.

Elwin Hubbard was home from
Bridgton, last week.

Seth Moore of No. Bridgton, vis-
ited his brother, G. H. Moore, this
week.

Will Hutchins is at work for Will
Eastman, helping him saw his
spring's wood.

A. Heald & Son are fitting up the
rent over their store, where the lat-
ter is soon to move with his fam-
ily.

WILSON'S MILLS.
J. W. Carter lost a horse last
week.

A. M. Carter of Bethel has gone
up river, surveying.

Guy Brooks went to Berlin this
week, returning Wednesday.

E. H. Brooks has returned from
Lewiston, somewhat improved in
health.

We understand that Sanford
Yates and wife are to take charge
of the Camp-at-the-Meadows the
coming summer.

MILAN, N. H.
Ason was born to the wife of Ed-
gar Cates, Feb. 20.

A daughter was born to the wife
of R. W. Patterson, Feb. 14.

John Connors has gone on a visit
to his old home in New Brunswick.

Mrs. D. C. Bean, who has been
quite sick, is very much improved.

Mrs. George Hamlin and daugh-
ter Theo, visited in Dummer, last
week.

The private school closes next
Friday, after a successful term of
ten weeks.

Lincoln Jewett and Mr. Ockling-
ton of Berlin, visited in town
Sunday.

Sanford Coffin, who was home on
a short visit, has returned to his
work at Houghton, Maine.

T. P. Dustin and wife, Eddie
Blake, Alice Martin, Mrs. H. E.
Ellinwood, Maggie Hinchy, Frank
Newell, Rosa Fish, Orvis Twitch-
ell, Bertha Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E.
V. Blake and several others vis-
ited Eden Grange of West Milan, at
their last meeting.

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TION, Rondout, N. Y., and mentioning
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have received so many grateful letters
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FRUIT FLOWERS

ROOT PROPAGATION.

When and How to Make Blackberry Cuttings For This Purpose.
For the purpose of root propagation it is desirable to have the roots which have made their growth the previous year. Older roots may be used, but not so large a per cent will grow.

In nurseries where a business is made of growing root cuttings plants the roots are taken up when the fall work is closed during the latter part of November or at any open spell in December before freezing up time.

A writer who gives the foregoing information in American Gardening fur-

ther says that roots of common varieties like Snyder and Prolific can be cut into one and one-half to two inch pieces in a common level hand cutting tool, while varieties of which it is wished to cut every root to root advantage are best cut with a sharp budding knife or jackknife.

The pieces of root after being thus prepared are placed in shallow boxes (coop boxes which can be purchased at the grocery store are as convenient as any), in alternate layers of roots and sharp sand, taking care that the sand is not too moist, nor so dry as to cause the roots to dry out. The greatest danger is in getting the sand too moist, causing the ends of the roots to decay instead of forming a callus. The cellar in which the boxes are stored should be kept free from frost. About the middle of the winter it is a good plan to examine the roots in the boxes to see that they are in good condition.

How to Make Hair Tonic.

Take a small quantity of rosemary, strip the leaves from the stalks and place them in a jar with nearly half a pint of cold water. Place the jar near the fire and let the contents simmer gently for an hour or two without settling or burning. When the water is somewhat reduced, the infusion will be sufficiently strong. Add half a pint of rum and simmer for awhile longer. When cold, strain the liquid from the leaves and keep it in a bottle ready for use. Apply to the roots of the hair with a small sponge or piece of flannel.

How to Broil Herring.

Lay the herring in a dish of ice cold water for a few minutes, then put them on a broiler over the coals or under a gas flame. Broil them on both sides quickly and two or three times while cooking flip carefully and dip in the cold water. Serve with creamed hashed potatoes.

How to Candy Nuts.

Boil over a hot fire one cup of granulated sugar, one-eighth of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and three-fourths of a cup of water. Do not stir after boiling has set in, but remove when a faint tint of yellow appears in the sirup. Immediately extend the sirup on a point of a large needle or fine skewer and dip them in the sirup and drop upon oiled paper.

House Plants For Every People.

Buy flower lovers will find the following short list from Meehan's Monthly valuable as representing plants that are easily cared for; no house plant can be considered a lady's man's plant; all should have some daily attention, but those mentioned bear up well under adverse circumstances. Rubber plant, both variegated and green; dracaena, variegated and green; Cyrtopodium insignis, a satisfactory specimen is a lady's slipper; peace lily, cyclamen, Ophiopogon japonicus, Pandanus utilis, and a few others which are not mentioned. The number of plants for placing around in rooms in houses of average size the suggestions are sufficient with the addition of the interesting Dutch bulbs, such as hyacinths, narcissus, etc. Pansies, of course, are indispensable, though somewhat burdensome to clean when attacked by scale.

Protecting Fruit Trees From Mice.

Field mice sometimes do great injury to young fruit trees in winter. They seldom gnaw the thick bark of older trees, but cases are on record which show a young orchard has been entirely destroyed when planted near a meadow or level field frequented by these little marauders. Coarse wrapping paper or a few layers of newspaper dipped in kerosene and tied about the trunk of the tree, also a few pieces laid over the nearest roots, will repel the mice, and at the same time prevent the ravages of boring beetles. Field mice, like their cousins, are house mice, are easily trapped, says Orange Judd Farmer.

Fruit and Flower Trees.

For pruning apple trees see Kansas orchardist prefers the months of November and December after the wood has matured and the tree is dormant.

It is reported that the apple crop this year is 18,000,000 barrels smaller than that of last year and 48,000,000 below that of two years ago.

Spring or fall pruning of trees is a matter of several considerations, but chiefly of climate. Professor Card of Missouri has found that the fall planted trees made some root growth in the autumn, succeeding planting and in the spring before the leaves started.

The Worcester is a promising yellow peach that has made its debut at the recent American institute show. It is of large size and is claimed to be a perfect free stone and of excellent flavor and quality. It is worth keeping an eye upon.

Nitrates of soda is sometimes applied to house plants when the foliage begins to look yellowish. An ounce in a gallon of water is a strong enough solution, and it should not be used oftener than every two weeks.

Use insect powder or tobacco dust if the house plants are infested with the little white fly.

Deciduous trees, vines and shrubs may be planted either in fall or spring.

How to Take Stains From Linen.

Rub them on either side with yellow soap and then apply starch made into a paste with cold water. Rub this paste well into the stain, then wash the cloth to hang out in the open air—if possible in the sun—for some hours. After it has been washed in the ordinary way the stains will have disappeared.

How to Make Cider Eggs.

Beat the yolks of six eggs and six heaping tablespoonsful of sugar to a cream, and after they are well beaten grate over the top of the cream a half cup of the juice of two lemons and pour in three pints of new cider, ice cold; whip the cider through the eggs and sugar till it is all white; then pour into a glass jar and keep in a cool place. Beat the yolks of the eggs to a stiff froth and lay lightly on top of the beverage. Serve in glass cups.

Agrological Brevities.

The New Haven experiment station has found that a mixture of coal ashes and peat excellent soil in which to grow tomatoes in greenhouses in connection with an ample supply of moisture and heat. The little worms which attack the roots of tomato plants do not flourish in such soil.

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MANURE IN WINTER.

Objections Urged Against Applying It to Frozen Ground.

The annual problem of the proper management of manure in winter is receiving attention as usual by agricultural authorities and individual farmers and it is almost needless to say that a great difference of opinion exists. One of the latest expressions of ideas on the subject is that of Mr. L. H. Read of Wisconsin in The Orange and Farmer, where he advises, "Do not apply manure to frozen ground."

Mr. Read says: In the teachings of many of our farm institute workers upon this subject there is much that is misleading, to say the least. Many of them urge that it is the proper thing to apply manure during the winter months upon hard frozen ground or even on top of several feet of snow; also that it is better to apply manure to the surface of the land than to plow it under. Both propositions are the worst kind of folly.

The best parts of manures are the most soluble. They will wash away in the surface water and be lost before the frost is out of the ground and absorption is possible. Thus the best part of manure applied upon frozen ground is sure to be carried away altogether or else carried upon lower ground, where it is not needed. It is claimed that this is nature's plan, as all dead and decaying matter, leaves, etc., are deposited upon the surface, therefore we should apply our manures in the same manner. These advocates forget that the moment they try to cultivate any plant or even turn the soil with spade or plow they have abandoned nature's plan and gone a step in advance. Nature's law is the survival of the fittest, but man in his strides of progress has improved upon nature by selection and cultivation.

Our work, however, and other grains were bred up to their present condition by the careful labors of the intelligent cultivator. So in the application of manure we must improve upon nature's plan, for our object should be to make our soil as rich as possible with the means at our command.

We see by watching some of nature's works that the richest lands are those deep and well filled with decaying vegetable matter, as, for example, the reclaimed swamp, which is one mass of decayed vegetation. These, when drained of their surplus water and allowed to absorb and combine, become the most productive, because they are full of vegetable matter or humus. So in applying manures we should aim to fill the ground to as great a depth as possible with vegetable matter. This applies to all soils, heavy and light, loamy, capable of absorbing much water and standing greater drought.

Another objection to mixing manures in the surface layers is that the tendency of the valuable parts of the manure is always downward, that every rain carries it down and it soon gets below the reach of plant roots. This is the most foolish kind of nonsense, for nearly all cultivated crops send their roots down to a depth of from two to four feet, even in a stiff clay. The idea that all water in the soil is going downward is wrong, for nearly always as much water rises through the soil by capillary attraction as sinks down from above and often even more.

By keeping our land cultivated about two inches deep we stop the escape of much of this water that comes up from below and keep the soil moist so that the plants can draw the food they need. Consequently it is always advisable to apply manure when there is no frost in the ground and to work it into upper layers of the soil.

Kerosene on Peach and Apple Trees.

The Cornell university station thus summarizes its study of the effects of kerosene spray upon peach and apple trees:

Pure kerosene is likely to seriously injure peach trees even when they are perfectly dormant.

A 30 per cent mixture of kerosene can probably be safely used on the peach at any time, but a stronger mixture cannot always be so applied.

Apple trees do not appear to be as susceptible to the action of kerosene as peaches. In some instances clear kerosene has been used with impunity and a process has been patented and factories erected for the separation of the pith on a commercial scale. In this process the stover is dried, the blades and seeds are removed, and the stover is ground. The pith, being lighter than the rest of the cornstalk, is separated from it by winnowing. The remainder is used for feeding, and has been designated the "new corn product."

Letture Bot.

Professor Selby of Ohio is reported as saying that, although lettuce rot in plant houses is a fungous disease, it does not yield to fungicides. Too high night temperature and too much watering seem to be the principal causes, and avoidance of these the principal cure. The night temperature should not be above 60.

How to Take Stains From Linen.

Rub them on either side with yellow soap and then apply starch made into a paste with cold water. Rub this paste well into the stain, then wash the cloth to hang out in the open air—if possible in the sun—for some hours. After it has been washed in the ordinary way the stains will have disappeared.

How to Make Cider Eggs.

Beat the yolks of six eggs and six heaping tablespoonsful of sugar to a cream, and after they are well beaten grate over the top of the cream a half cup of the juice of two lemons and pour in three pints of new cider, ice cold; whip the cider through the eggs and sugar till it is all white; then pour into a glass jar and keep in a cool place. Beat the yolks of the eggs to a stiff froth and lay lightly on top of the beverage. Serve in glass cups.

Agrological Brevities.

The New Haven experiment station has found that a mixture of coal ashes and peat excellent soil in which to grow tomatoes in greenhouses in connection with an ample supply of moisture and heat. The little worms which attack the roots of tomato plants do not flourish in such soil.

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Constitution a Success.

The opponents of coeducation at Wesleyan have had their innings so long, and their objections have been given so much publicity that a great many people have wrongly supposed that there was no other side to the question; that the young ladies who were educated at the Methodist college at Middletown were of the meek and demure kind; that they could stand up before the boys who called them nuisances and less mild names and never show that they resented the appellations. But though the young women may be meek and demure they have all along been preparing their defense, and their answers to all the criticisms and all the attacks made upon them have just been given to the public. It is only a nine line announcement, but it is a refutation of everything that has been said against them.

He who is most prejudiced against coeducation will be convinced that it is not a total failure when he reads the following item in the Middletown correspondence of the Hartford Courant:

"The engagements of the following Wesleyan alumni have been announced: Professor Edward D. Rice, '93, and Miss Sarah L. Abbott, '93; George L. Noyes, '98, assistant principal of the Middletown High school, and Miss Margaret Gaines, '98, a teacher in the same school; John Gowdy, '97, and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, '98."—New Haven Register.

History of Two Aged Women.

The Harrodsburg Democrat furnishes an interesting history of two aged women who reside in Mercer county, Ky.:

"In the quiet hamlet of Mayo, 14 miles from here, live a remarkable old couple—Susan and Amanda Murray, aged 96 and 98 respectively. Not many years after the founding of Harrodsburg, with an only brother, they came from their Virginia home to the old fort here, where they quietly resided for two or three years. The trip was made in a wagon drawn by two oxen. From the old fort they removed to where Mayo now stands, which was then a sparsely settled corner of Washington county, but which has since been annexed to Mercer. A small log house was erected, in which, although time worn, they still peacefully dwell. A very remarkable fact, the writer is credibly informed, is that neither of them ever had a sweetheart or a proffer of marriage. Within the many years they have lived together a lamp has never been used in their home, the use of candles still being kept up. By economy they are enabled to live very comfortably. Their brother long since died and they have no relatives this side of Virginia."

Moll Pitcher's Honor.

The resolution introduced in the house of representatives by General Wheeler for the presentation by the president of a medal to Helen Gould is a distinction unique in its way. Congress has never thus far rendered any such honor to any woman. The nearest precedent for this case is that of Captain Molly, who figures in some of the chronicles as "Moll Pitcher." She rendered gallant service as a soldier in the Revolution, firing the last shot from her husband's cannon at Fort Clinton, in October, 1777, just before his capture by the British, after her husband and several other men had evacuated the fort. She took her husband's place at his cannon after he was killed at Monmouth, on June 28, 1778, and fought throughout the battle.

For his services Washington made her a sergeant, but the honor accorded her did not stop there. On Washington's recommendation the Continental congress put her on the list of half pay soldiers, and compensation was granted through her life. —Ladies' Weekly.

A Woman's Queer Garden.

Mrs. Foy of Brookside, Chicago, has the most wonderful garden menagerie—or the smallest farm—in the country. Her cottage stands on an ordinary city lot, but she has 16 in all.

At present her menagerie consists of 1 horse, 24 chickens, 15 hens, 1 rooster, 2 rabbits, 1 cat, 1 kid, 25 ducklings, 3 goslings, 1 dog, 3 turkeys, 1 canary bird, 1 cock, 1 kitten, 2 doves and 3 guinea chicks.

Of course the barn in which the horse is kept is small, and the goat has to be lifted in and out of his pen, as it is a tight fit for him.

The rooster, too, being of a roving disposition, has to be tied up, and even the cat must be tethered to keep her from feeding on the young chicks.

The dog is kept a prisoner, as he is filled with a desire to fight the cat, and there is not room in Mrs. Foy's garden for any fights. But a happier, healthier collection of fowls and animals cannot be found, nor a prettier, cleaner garden.—Exchange.

Open For Discussion.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs has taken a very important step in repealing by a unanimous vote the clause in the constitution which forbade the discussion of woman suffrage, temperance and other reforms. A club may not wish to take up every topic, but it should certainly leave the way open for such action as they may from time to time desire. A woman's club that gages itself through fear it may some time stand committed to something is a stumbling block in the way of progress.—Woman's Tribune.

Women's Progress In 1898.

Women have assumed many new roles in 1898. They have invaded many new fields of service in the world's economy which were strange and at times almost overwhelming to the feminine mind. They have sought and won recognition and success in diverse masculine occupations. Some have offered their services for war with mechanical trades, mercantile lines and the learned professions have all had a larger share than ever before of feminine followers.—Boston Post.

Even.

A Ball's county man was called to Kentucky to get some property left him by his father-in-law. Among the personal estate was a valuable jack. On his return he reached home after his little boy, Charlie H., had gone to sleep. Early in the following morning the old jack yanked the echoes of the surrounding hills with his prolonged baying, as only an old jack can. Little Charlie, who had never before heard any such sounds, in surprise and terror he called to his mother: "Mother, oh, mother! What is that saying 'B-aw, B-aw!' And from that on the old jack was named Hagan.—Exchange.

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